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15. THIS IR REPORTS THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATIONS
REACTION TO NOTAM CLASS II A 01/77 PUBLISHED BY THE FEDERATED
STATE OF CYPRUS. THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOC IS
LOCATED IN GENEVA SWITZ AND HAS A REGIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICE
FOR THE MIDDLE EAST.
22. RHE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS OF THE TURKISH
FEDERATED STATE OF CYPRUS SET UP AND SUPPORTED BY THE TURKISH

FORCES OF OCCUPATION HAS ISSUED A NOTAM CLASS II A 01/77 ANNOUNCE-
ING THE STABLISHMENT OF ADVISORY AIRSPACE CONTROL AREAS, THE
IMPOSITION OF OVERFLYING CHARGES WITHIN THE NICOSIA FIR AND
AERODROME CHARGES AT THE ERCAN AERODROME EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH 77.
RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVISION OF AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE WITHIN
THE NICOSIA FIR/UIR HAS BEEN THAT OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPT OF
THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS THROUGH THE VARIOUS ATS AND AIS UNITS. SINCE THE NOTAM
HAS NOT BEEN ISSUED BY THE CIVIL AVIATION DEPT, THE IATA CON-
SIDERS IT TO BE "AN UNAUTHORIZED DOCUMENT PROMULGATING AN ILLEGAL
ACTION CONTRARY TO ALL INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS CONVENTIONS
AND ICAO REGIONAL PROCEDURES." THEY CONSIDER THE NOTAM TO BE
NULL AND VOID AND HAVE ADVISED MEMBER AIRLINES TO INSTRUCT ALL
CREWS TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THE NICOSIA FIR IN ACCORDANCE
WITH EXISTING ICAO PROCEDURES.
COMMENT: THE REACTION OF THE IATA TO THIS NOTAM IS REGARDED
AS BEING RATHER UNUSUAL. IN MOST CASES THE REACTION IS THE
AVOID FLYING OVER THE AREA IN QUESTION. THE IATA FEELS THAT
THE ICAO SHOULD EXERT ITS AUTHORITY, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO
AIRSPACE OVER THE HIGH SEAS. COPIES OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED
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